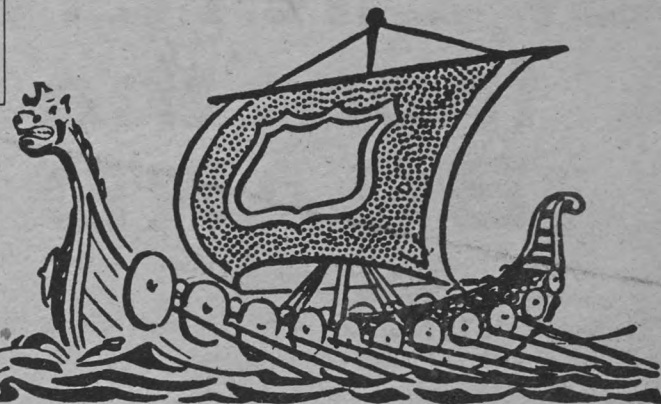




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Please let me hear from you very soon. Phone 454-5438

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Directors Take Positions

S/N In Canada

By Sig Bekken

Sons of Norway is an international organization with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn. This, no one would want to change; however, the Canadian members have felt for a long time that they would like to have a Canadian office. This would mean a contact point a little closer to home. We now have such an office. Since we have lodges in only the two westernmost provinces, we have located this office in Prince George, British Columbia, which is 50 miles from Prince Rupert, Vancouver, B.C.,

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Olaf Sveen Receives Plaque

Olaf Sveen has reached another milestone in his music career. In Calgary on Feb. 22 Olaf was presented a plaque by Adrian Bilodeau, Manager of London Records, Calgary, "for outstanding sales achievement of all Olaf Sveen albums and tapes during 1973."

Bryant Stevens, Manager of All Records, Supply Co. of Canada Ltd., Calgary, also received a similar plaque for top sales as a distributor.

Present also was Danny Birks, London Records Sales Representative.

Olaf Sveen is the only Scandinavian Canadian to have his music and records in the Helsinki University Library in Helsinki, Finland.

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After the General Annual Meeting the Board of Directors held a special meeting on Wed., Feb. 27th, to designate the different offices to be held by the directors.

Harvey Haugen was chosen as Chairman and President for the coming year. Although Soren Sorensen was chosen Vice President, he wished only to remain as Acting Vice President.

There are only nine directors at present but a full complement of eleven will be attained when the present nominating committee presents at least two more names for the directors to appoint.

Mr. Haugen is District Director of Sons of Norway (District No. 4), member of the District Scholarship Committee, as well as being a member of the Board of the Edmonton Klondike Association. Mr. Haugen is employed with the Alberta Government Telephones.

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Centre's 10th Anniversary

By Per Nielsen

In my short time as a director of the Scandinavian Centre (approximately one month at this time) I have learnt that Thurs., June 20, 1974, is the date that marks our Centre's 10th anniversary—the date when the Scandinavian Centre was finished being built. Because of this a party is presently being planned for Fri., June 21, for its celebration.

For me to do a write-up on Scandinavian History at this time, I feel is a little too soon and I have not got the facts about it, either. I feel, however, that we should mention the date for the anniversary celebration in the paper in order to be fair with everyone so that they can plan to attend the party.

See the May issue of the paper for further details about this celebration.

Mother's Day Smorg

By Per Nielsen

Director Social Functions

The Scandinavian Centre will have their Third Annual Mother's Day Smorgasbord Dinner on Sun., May 12.

There will be two sittings this year—the first will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and the second from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Due to limited space there is only a limited number of tickets for sale, so purchase yours NOW and don't be disappointed later when the tickets are all gone.

This year we shall have different outlets for ticket sales. At the time of writing, however, I don't know yet where, but I hope each Scandinavian group will take some and make them available to their club members. Also they will be available at the Scandinavian Centre, or from myself.

The smorgasbord will be prepared by Stella Kassian, and she tells me there will be dishes available from various countries in the world, especially Scandinavia.

This year, also, we are going to try something new—to save you from the long line-up and waiting to get your food, we shall make reserve tables available. Purchase your tickets in advance and we shall reserve a table for you from four persons and up—for two persons we can't reserve due to the limited space and number of tickets available.

Tickets are now on sale at the Scandinavian Centre, and from myself. Also listen to CFCW on Sat., April 6 on the Scandinavian program in the morning for further outlets.

Tickets are available at:



Olaf Sveen being presented plaque by Adrian Bilodeau, Manager of London Records, in Calgary "for outstanding sales achievement".

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Anne Sahuri

DONATION

The board wishes to send many thanks to Mrs. Ada Skarin for the letter and the donation towards the painting of the building. Thank you again, such interest is really appreciated.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

The Mother's Day dinner will be held on May 12 with two sittings planned—from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are available from any board member at \$5.00 per adult and \$2.25 per child. Reserved seats are available through Mrs. Per Nielsen, phone 436-4109. Please feel free to bring your friends also, and to avoid waiting reserve the seats in plenty of time.

ANNIVERSARY

The Scandinavian Centre was officially opened ten years ago in June. To celebrate this special occasion the board has preparations on the way for a gala evening on June 21. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. with honored guests at the head table. The new Queen of the Centre will be crowned during the evening. Don't miss this stepping stone at the Centre, which will have been redecorated by that time. Tickets are available from any board member at \$15.00 per couple or \$7.50 each.

RADIO REPORT

Les Greenham has agreed to stay as the communications man with the Camrose Radio with his Saturday morning broadcast from the Scandinavian Centre. It is hoped that all the Lodges and Societies supply Les with a complete list of their functions—which will be broadcasted in plenty of time. Also, please phone him with your announcements and suggestions. It has been arranged that the president of the Danish Society will be the guest speaker on one Saturday morning in the near future with the news from the Centre. Preparations are on the way to get someone from the Finnish Society within the next month or so and the other lodges and societies will be contacted as to their speaker on the radio. For your information—Les Greenham, 10424 - 142 St., phone 455-0082.

International Summer School in Oslo

The University of Oslo International Summer School will hold its 27th session June 29-August 9. All lectures will be given in English at both the general and graduate levels.

Founded in 1947, the school has so far received over 7,000 students from 103 countries. In 1973, the total number of students was 296, of which 170 came from the United States and Canada.

The Summer School provides lecturers from Norwegian industry and government as well as from the Oslo University staff and guarantees the educational standards of the courses. Applicants must have completed their own college sophomore year.

The essential purpose of the International Summer School is academic. The courses centre on various aspects of Norwegian and Scandinavian culture. The Norwegian experience will also be taken as a basis for discussion of social and cultural problems on an international scale. In addition to academic instruction there are international evenings, informal get-togethers, sports and excursions.

The University of Oslo will issue a Certificate of Achievement to students who satisfactorily complete the Summer School courses. Credits may also be certified for American students.

The cost of attending the Summer School will amount to 5,000-6,000 Norwegian kroner (\$890-\$1,000).

The General Courses cover Norwegian art, applied arts and crafts, Norwegian language, history, music and literature, Norwegian economics, politics and society, and Norway and Scandinavia in international relations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of scholarships and grants are available for Canadians

who want to attend the Summer School. Scholarship applications must be accompanied by a completed application form for admission. Applications should be addressed to the Scholarship Committee in North America, Dr. Marion J. Nelson, Chairman, University of Minnesota, Dept. of Art, Jones Hall, Minneapolis, Minn. 55455 or to Ms. Jo Ann Kleber, Administrator, Oslo Summer School of North America Admissions Office, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. 55057. Ms. Kleber also supplies catalogues and application forms for admission.

Scholarship recipients must agree to take a full program of courses, to sit for mid-term and final examination or write term papers in order to qualify for the Certificate of Achievement. □

Summer Studies in Bergen

The University of Bergen will arrange a summer course in Norwegian language and culture and invites foreign students with at least one year of college-level Norwegian to spend July 7-21 in Bergen. All lectures are in Norwegian. About 30 students will be accepted.

The course fee is 400 kroner (\$70), including all-day excursions. Expenses for room and board are estimated at 1,000 kroner (\$180). The students will live in the University's dormitories or in private homes.

Applications or requests for further information should be addressed to "Sommerkurs for utenlandske norskstuderende, Nordisk Institutt, Postboks 23, N-5014 Bergen - Universitetet". The application deadline is April 15, 1974. All applicants will receive a reply before May 5. Those who are accepted are required to pay 350 kroner to the Summer Course by June 1, and 50 kroner following arrival in Bergen. □

Scandinavian Summer Seminars

A series of Scandinavian Seminars will again be organized by The Danish Institute (Det Danske Selskab) of Copenhagen this summer covering a field of various interest groups from architecture and urban planning to the care of the aged in Denmark.

The Danish Institute is an autonomous non-profit organization established for information about Denmark and cultural cooperation with other countries with an emphasize for artistic and cultural exchange. According to their charter, the Institute's programs are based on mutuality, as a comparative study of different aspects of culture and art at home and abroad—always asking: what can we learn from each other?

All seminars will be conducted in English and the prices include accommodation, meals and travel in Scandinavia. All lectures are given by leading Scandinavian experts of their respective fields and their guidance is also included in the price.

Seminars are arranged in Scandinavian Architecture and Urban Planning, Danish Horticulture, Nordic Democracy, Community and Morality, Public Libraries in Scandinavia, New Design in Denmark, Scandinavian Education, Special Education in Scandinavia, Child and Youth Welfare in Denmark and Care of the Aged in Denmark.

All seminars are held between June and September. Closing date for applications is May 1st. More information can be obtained directly from Det Danske Selskab, 2 Kultorvet, DK-1175 Copenhagen K, Denmark, or from Scandinavian Airlines sales offices in Canada. □

Scandinavian Studies

Gene G. Gage of the American-Scandinavian Foundation and Professor Robert Rovinsky are preparing a new survey and directory of Scandinavian Studies in the United States and Canada. The authors would appreciate hearing from any scholar or doctoral student who either teaches a Scandinavian course or is involved in Scandinavian research. The directory will be published in Scandinavian Studies, Journal of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study.

More than 500 questionnaires have already been mailed, but address lists are never 100% complete. Please write to: Mr. Gene G. Gage, American-Scandinavian Foundation, 127 East 73rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10021, U.S.A. □

Scandinavian Seminar

Scandinavian Seminar is now accepting applications for its study program in Denmark, Finland, Norway, or Sweden for the academic year 1974-1975. This living-and-learning experience is designed for college students, graduates and other adults who want to become part of another culture while acquiring a second language.

An initial 3-week language course, followed by a family stay, will give the student opportunity to practice the language on a daily basis and to share in the life of the community. For the major part of the year he is separated

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All Seminar participants meet at the Introductory, Midyear and Final Sessions, during which the American and Scandinavian Program Directors work closely with each student on matters related to his studies, experiences and progress. The focus of the Seminar program is the student's Independent Study Project in his special field of interest. An increasing number of American colleges and universities are giving full or partial credit for the Seminar year.

The fee, covering tuition, room, board, one-way group transportation from New York and all course-connected travels in Scandinavia is \$3,000. A limited number of scholarship loans are available.

For further information please write to SCANDINAVIAN SEMINAR, 100 East 85th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028, U.S.A. □

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Bernice Nyhus COMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 20

General Meeting and Card Party.

Saturday, May 11

Syttende Mai Fest.

Sunday, May 5

Junior Lodge Hike and Wiener Roast.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to John and Astrid Hope on the passing away of Mr. Hope's father.

Norwegian Folk Dancing for the Junior Lodge began March 21 under the direction of Bill Malmo. Anyone interested in having their children join the group, please call Bernice Nyhus at 487-1450. The group meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Scandinavian Centre.

The Junior Lodge held a tobogganing party at Terwilliger Park Sunday, March 17. Following the outing, everyone met at Della Melsness' for refreshments and a sing-song accompanied by Del Melsness on the piano.

Wally Broen's name was missed on the list of delegates representing Solglyt Lodge at the convention to be held at Fargo, North Dakota. Sorry about that, Wally, guess you were taken for granted! (refer to March issue).

An official opening of the Terwilliger Park Cross Country Ski Trail took place on Sun., March 24. A detailed write-up of this event will follow in next month's issue.

Next month's reporter will be Astrid Hope. Please inform her of any news of interest to the lodge at 469-4747.

The winter sports weekend in Camrose was well attended by the Solglyt Lodge. The club captured the trophy for high points in bowling as well as top honors in cross country skiing. Congratulations go out to the Ronning Lodge, also, for a well organized and entertaining weekend.

We wish a speedy recovery to Richard Larson, who is a patient at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

LETTER SONS OF NORWAY EDMONTON, Alta.

I just want to thank you for the nice bag you gave me last summer—as a birthday present. It really was such a delightful hour I and my son spent with you. I'm so glad my cousin, Kris Nyhus, brought me over to you—to the colourful costumes—happy faces—and a very good drink, before entering the plane.... I should of course have had this letter mailed ages ago—but I didn't, and feel sorry for that.

I'm now doing a Swedish play called "The Home" a play about old people—but we are all young people trying to act old. I don't know if Per Aspelin visited you last summer—I know he was both in U.S. and Canada—he is playing my husband this time.

We have had a very short winter this year—so little snow

so few possibilities for skiing in safety...

Hope to see you all again when I come back to Canada so au revoir!

Best wishes to you all from Cory (Sveinungsgard) Enger. Riksteatret, Oslo 3, Norway. □

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S/N In Canada

Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta. As we work our way farther east, we might move the Canadian office.

The Supreme Board has seen fit to hire me as their Field Manager for Canada. This is a new job, and a big one, but I am convinced that there is a crying need for someone to get the Canadian operation into high gear, and I am going to give it all I have.

As mentioned before, I have established an office where we keep supplies, forms and materials that the Canadian lodges can order without custom or duty problems. We will have a secretary, and will answer all inquiries promptly.

Our intentions are to hire Regional Managers for the various regions. Our plans are to set up regions as follows:

1. Vancouver Island.
2. The Lower Mainland.
3. The Kootenays and the Okanagan.
4. Central and Northern B. C.
5. Northern Alberta with the possibility of an office in Edmonton.
6. Southern Alberta could support a Calgary office.

Each Regional Manager will, as membership grows, hire salesmen as needed using the same principle as in the U.S.

Saskatchewan has room for a Regional Manager to cover the northern part of the province, with Saskatoon being the logical base. Someone working out of Regina, for instance, could cover southern Saskatchewan. In about a year's time we should need a Manager in Winnipeg to work in Manitoba.

In all, then, we need 8 Regional Managers, most of them as soon as possible. We are only as far east as Winnipeg and, when we know that the majority of Canadians live east of Winnipeg, we realize the tremendous possibilities for Sons of Norway in Canada.

But, to realize the possibility of making Sons of Norway the fastest growing ethnic organization in Canada, as it is in the United States, requires a team effort, it requires help from the Supreme Board, the District Boards, and the local lodges. I am especially asking assistance in finding the capable men and women we need. Please write to me if you are interested or know of someone who might be.

We already have the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada, 6480 Grant St., Burnaby, B.C., where tax deductible donations can be made.

It is also fitting that the Supreme Convention will be held in Canada this year. When we meet in Banff in August, our sisters and brothers from south of the border will get a chance to see some of Canada's most beautiful scenery, as well as to review and discuss our membership growth, life insurance sales, our heritage

Const. D.A. Cassels Torske Klubben Speaker

At the monthly luncheon meeting of Torske Klubben held at the Scandinavian Centre, Tues., Mar. 5, Const. D.A. Cassels spoke on "Community Relations". Const. Cassels is on the City of Edmonton Police Force.



Const. D. A. Cassels

In his speech he said:

Police-Community Relations is concerned with the ability of the Police within a given jurisdiction to understand and deal appropriately with that Community's Problems.

Community Relations is distinct from Public Relations in that it is a two-way form of communication between the Police Department and the Public. It opens a path of discussion to solve common problems. Public Relations can be described only as a one-way form of communication, where the Police Department tells the public what the Police Department is doing, but does not solve any of the Community's Problems. It is still, however, a necessary part of Community Relations.

The Edmonton City Police have been very actively involved in

Norwegians

Avid Readers

Publishers in many countries feel the pinch of high production costs and small runs. Norway, with its small language community and a population of less than 4 million, ranks as No. 1 internationally in the number of books published per inhabitant per year.

Nearly 20 million books and booklets are printed in Norway each year. In contrast to many larger cities, where newspaper fatality has been high, Oslo with its 500,000 inhabitants has no fewer than eight daily newspapers.

According to the Norwegian Publishers Association, 1,886 book titles were published in 1972, of which 1,206 were new titles.

In Norway today, the author of a book of fiction is automatically guaranteed a minimum sale of 1,000 copies, bought by the Norwegian Cultural Council and distributed to the public libraries around the country. □

preservation and fraternal activities.

I sincerely hope that by then I will have some exciting results to report on our Canadian operation, and that each and every one of us can report that we have done our utmost to strengthen our wonderful Society.

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Community Relations since December, 1972. Since then, several programs have been developed which hopefully will open this line of communication and serve to solve common problems, therefore, building a more concrete relationship with the people. It would appear that this improved relationship is needed more now than ever, because of a rapid change in attitudes towards law and law enforcement.

I would like to explain some of the present programs the Police Department has developed within the past year.

It became obvious to both the Edmonton Public School Board and the Police Department that due to an increasing amount of police violence being shown to Edmonton youngsters through the television media, that a unit of study should be developed to teach students at the grade 4, 5 and 6 level, the "real" day-to-day work of a police officer. This has now been completed and has been distributed to all public elementary schools.

In March of 1973, the Police Department learned the deaf population of Edmonton were unable to call for help in an emergency situation from their homes. A telephone-teletype unit was then installed in Police Headquarters which now gives a deaf person the same emergency service as anyone else in the Edmonton community. This is the first service of its kind in Canada.

Members of the Community Relations Section are also involved in Police Recruit Training. Recruit Officers are given instructions in "The Individual and His Role in Police Community Relations", "Communication", "Officer Citizen Contacts" and other similar subjects.

A Block parent program has also been developed in Edmonton for the protection of children against child molestation. This program has been very well received by concerned citizens.

Members of the Police Department are available upon request to speak on a variety of police subjects and also to answer questions.

Community Relations is now becoming a very important part of police work, but without the co-operation of the citizens we serve, it is reduced to little more than Public Relations.

The next speaker will also be from the City of Edmonton Police Force in the Home Protection Dept. A film will also be shown. That will be on Tues., Apr. 2. □

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Les Greenham

Due to a nagging toothache we don't have much enthusiasm to apply to this month's column. If I have heard it once I have heard it a hundred times from you readers how much you appreciate my time and effort that is put into this column, however, this month we are sorry we just aren't up to it.

There are several items we do want to mention, however. First, we had a telephone conversation with Kurtis Halldorson about forming a Junior Icelandic club and he was very enthusiastic and his comments are encouraging. He said he has been talking to Buelah Arason and she said there were eight young people so far who have indicated they are interested. So to Kurtis and Buelah, and the rest of you, good luck and keep at it. One thing Kurtis mentioned as a suggestion was to try Icelandic wrestling. This sounds good and if you all put on your thinking caps you probably will come up with a lot

of good ideas.

The first meeting of your new executive for 1974 was held at the home of our new President, Leifur Oddson, on March 8, and in my opinion it was a very productive meeting. There were a lot of good constructive ideas put forth and acted upon and, much to my delight, a lot of enthusiasm was evident regarding the celebration at Markerville.

Thorablot! What a success it was this year—at least 150 people in attendance and a marvelous day, too. As usual the lunch was superb. Thanks to Lucille Oddson, Jonina Eamon and all the rest of you ladies and should I mention the dishwasher? Well let's just say the dishwasher really enjoyed washing dishes.

We have no report on the sale of The Canadian Derby sweepstake tickets. However, they are in the capable hands of Steini Jonsson, and if you feel you could sell a few books for him you can get in touch by phoning 455-8839.



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New Icelandic- Canadian Author

By Mary-Anne Bateson

Recently, the Oberon Press of Ottawa, Ontario, published a book by the Icelandic-Canadian writer, W. D. Valgardson titled **Bloodflowers**. The stories which make up this volume are set mainly in and around the area of Manitoba known as New Iceland. Although the stories are regional, they have received international recognition.

The individual stories which make up **Bloodflowers** have been honoured time and again during the past few years. Among other honours:

- the title story was chosen one of the best 20 stories published in North America in 1971.
- it was awarded the President's Medal of the University of

Western Ontario for being the best short story published in Canada in 1971.

- it was included in Martha Foley's collection **Best American Short Stories**.
- the stories, before they were collected in book form, caused the author to be named the Bridgeman Scholar to the internationally famous Bread Loaf Writer's Conference.

Six weeks after publication, the first printing of **Bloodflowers** was sold out. For something like this to happen to a Canadian collection of short stories is unprecedented. However, for once, the critics and the public are agreed on the quality of a book. That, in itself, is something of a milestone. Reviews have been unanimous in their praise.

"These are fine stories—honest and strong and written in a clean, stark style that reflects the rock and ice and men that they are woven around."—**The Winnipeg Free Press**.

"Valgardson's stories are powerful."—**The Vancouver Sun**.

"there is something northern about them in their stoic economy, as if bracing against the cold."—**The Kansas City Star**.

"Valgardson writes more lustily, closer to the mainstream of Canadian fictional tradition. His characters are solid, down to earth, recognizable and his concerns are the old verities of truth, understanding, passion and compassion. The stories, finely wrought and fast-paced, seem particularly Canadian."—**The Calgary Herald**.

"This tight collection of taut and gripping short stories should quickly establish W. D. Valgardson as an important new voice on the Canadian literary scene."—**The Edmonton Journal**.

While this is an appeal to you to buy and read a fine book, it is much more than that. It is a reminder that the traditional love of literature brought to Canada by the Icelandic pioneers still persists and, firmly planted, continues to bear fruit.

Copies of this book may be obtained at \$2.95 soft cover and \$5.95 hard cover at:

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Icelanders Insulated

Close to the Arctic Circle in the North Atlantic is one of the few places in the West where people do not worry much about the energy crisis which is crippling the Western European Countries.

In Iceland there is a huge power surplus both in the ground and in the rivers. Furthermore, Iceland does not buy her oil from the Arabs but from Russia, and Russia is bound by an agreement to deliver all the oil Iceland needs for the next two years except fuel for jet aircraft, which is imported from Rotterdam, Holland.

This is a country of ice and fire, where the inhabitants have learned to turn natural hazards into useful tools. All houses in Reykjavik, the capital, and about

and pitch-black smoke seem to shower the audience. You leave the theatre feeling drained. After an experience like this, it will be impossible for anyone to ignore Christopher Chapman, Canada's master movie-maker, any more. □

Icelandic Poetry Contest

A poetry contest has been instigated by the Icelandic Festival Committee of Winnipeg, Man., along with their annual **Islendingadagurinn** (Icelanders' Day) celebration in Gimli, Man., called the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba. As Icelandic names seem to be long, so is the title of the contest—**The 1974 Islendingadagurinn Honour Prize in Poetry**.

The prize is \$100.00 and the winner will be announced Aug. 5 at the Icelandic Festival at Gimli. The prize will be presented in person to the poet or, if that is not possible, mailed to the winner.

Entries may be published for one time distribution only at the time the prize is announced but no entry will be published for commercial purposes without the consent of the poet.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- The contest is open to any individual whose ancestry is Icelandic.
- Each entrant, by submitting a poem, acknowledges his assent to the conditions of the entry.
- Each entry must be original, and unpublished on the date of submission.
- Each entry must be typewritten, double spaced on one side of plain, unlined paper 8 1/2"x11". Any clear copy is acceptable.
- Entries must be postmarked between March 1, 1974 and June 1, 1974.
- Poet's name and address, and title and first line of poem must appear on two typewritten 3"x5" cards placed in a sealed envelope. Only title and first line of poem must appear on face of envelope. Title must appear on the entry.
- No entries will be returned.
- Entries must be addressed to W. D. Valgardson, 628 N. Main, Nevada, Missouri, 64772, U.S.A. or Box 1051, Gimli, Man., ROC 1B0, Canada.
- No more than three entries may be submitted by one poet.
- Entries must not exceed 30 lines.
- The directors of the contest reserve the right to withhold the prize.
- Judges and directors of the contest will not enter into any communication whatever about the contest or individual entries.
- Entries must be in English.

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half the homes in the country, are heated with hot water from natural springs only a few kilometres away. The same heat source is used to maintain greenhouses where most of the island's table vegetables are grown.

Iceland also has an incredible surplus of hydroelectric energy, and is estimated to use only 3/4 of one per cent of what it could produce, either from its rivers or its underground hot springs.

Some oil is used for heating purposes, but most of Iceland's needs are for the fishing fleet, freighters and aircraft.

There is in stock enough fuel for all her ships and aircraft at least until summer, when the world crisis may be eased. □

VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Millie Weiss

The March 2nd meeting was held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre with President L. Eliasson conducting the meeting.

Sick members reported at the meeting were:

Bill McMaster, Erling Winquist, Oscar Hanson, Ragnar Roos, Lawrence Pearson and John Jarrott.

Mrs. Alma Samuelson is in the Hardisty Nursing Home.

Lunch was served after the meeting and Bingo was the entertainment. Andy and Fay Litven are thanked for a good job with the bingo.

Ladies Auxiliary had a very well attended meeting on Feb. 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson. Election of officers was as follows:

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MY TRIP

By Karin Jonsson

(This is an article written by a young friend of ours from Sweden. I thought she had an interesting trip, and that perhaps our readers would like to hear about it, so I asked her to write a summary. She wrote it upon her return to Sweden. I have retyped it, as there were quite a few spelling mistakes, however the grammar, punctuation and sentence structure is untouched, as I consider it part of her charm.

Speaking of charm, while she was here, she wanted us to correct any of her speech mistakes. I laughed and said that in spite of everything, she would probably always call "chairs", "chains" and "cheer", "SHairs", "SHains" and "SHeer". She said she must remember that, and I told her that by all means forget it "it's part of your charm". "But I want to lose my SHarm," she said.

Dolores Johnson

When I visited the Buford correspondent, Mrs. Johnson, she asked me to write a story for the Scandinavian Centre News about my visit to the U.S.A. and Canada.

Now I am back in Sweden since two weeks and I am thinking a lot about my five-month long visit I made to your continent. I can't help longing back because I had such a wonderful time.

The last two weeks I stayed with the Johnsons and thanks to them I came to like Canada very much—even if it were very cold. The night I arrived it was 18 below zero and it was a big change for me coming from San Francisco where it had been warm—Indian Summer. When I left California it was summer. The day I passed through Oregon and Washington by bus it was fall, the shortest fall I had ever had, and when I came to Canada it was winter.

Even if everybody else seemed to dislike the early winter I liked it very much. One of the reasons was that for the first time in my life I went on a sleigh-ride after horses. It was funny that I had to come all the way from a farm in Sweden to Alberta to have a sleigh-ride, but at our farm, like most other farms in Sweden nowadays, there are only tractors.

I came to the USA at the end of June on a ten-weeks scholarship program through "The Experiment in International Living". We were 75 young people from 19 countries who spent one week together in New York and Washington, D.C., before we spent 8 weeks with sponsoring organizations, all in different states all over the USA.

That first week was so fantastic. We all understood that people from different parts of the world are so much the same and we had so much fun together, with friends from Brazil, France, Egypt, Poland, Ceylon, Turkey and many other countries. I saw all the famous places like the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty in New York and the White House, Arlington Cemetery and the Senate in Washington.

My sponsoring organization was the girl scouts in Alabama and I worked four weeks at a girl scout camp in Alabama and had a good time there canoeing, swimming and water-skiing in the very hot and humid climate. The heat was very hard for me to stand at first as it was over 90 almost every day and rarely below 80 at night and I am not at all used to such heat from Sweden.

I arranged two Swedish evenings during the camp. We had all Swedish food for supper, like Swedish meat balls for

example. I showed slides from Sweden and a group of scouts danced the Swedish folkdances they had learned. We even had a "Lucia" coming in a long white dress and a crown with candles on her head. Of course it was the wrong time for a Lucia to come in July instead of the cold and dark December, but everybody thought it was very beautiful.

In Alabama I had watermelons for the first time in my life—big juicy watermelons that make you all wet when you eat them. I guess it sounds funny but what I miss the most are watermelons and milk-shakes.

When the scholarship was over I decided to stay for awhile and visit some relatives of mine. I spent two weeks with my cousin at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where I, thanks to my cousin, could go to all the classes I wanted to. I don't think I ever enjoyed school so much as at ORU because I went to the classes just for fun and without having to study and it is a very nice school.

Then I spent two weeks in California. I stayed in San Diego where it was a wonderful climate and nice with all the hills. I saw the fantastic Disneyland and passed through the terrible smog in Los Angeles.

San Francisco was what surprised me the most. I still can't believe that the city, with its cable cars and Fishermans Wharf where you walk around enjoying looking at the small stores eating crab fresh boiled at the sidewalk, is a city in the United States where everything else seems to be built for cars with drive-in movies, banks, food places and so on. How I liked San Francisco with its beautiful hills, the Golden Gate Bridge, Chinatown where you hear nothing but Chinese and can smell the Chinese food from all the small restaurants, and the cable cars on which you stand on the foot-steps outside the 70-year-old cars.

After a beautiful bus ride through the giant redwoods and along the Californian and Oregon coasts I made my last stop in

Alberta before I went back home. I had such a nice time with the Johnsons and I know that if I ever have the possibility to come back I want to visit Canada again and see more of your beautiful country.

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NORDSTJARNAN NEWS

By Sherry Havanka

Local lodge curling was held Feb. 9 at Usona. The Harry Holmlund rink won first in the first event. Members of the winning team were: Wanda Fraser, Charlie Tapio, Carry Wollin and Harry Holmlund. Second in the first event went to the Clifford Robins' rink. Henry Sjogren's team walked off with first in the second event.

The March meeting was held at the Dave Ewart home with a good turnout. 1974 programs were handed out and it looks like a very busy year.

On March 9 two teams motored to St. Albert to take part in district curling. Gus Tabler and Bryce Tapio skipped. With Gus was Harry Holmlund, Dale Havanka and Bertha Edin. Bryce had Gus and Elsie Stephan and Michael Wollin curling with him. Skandia hosted the event which was concluded with a lovely banquet and dancing.

Congratulations to the Lethbridge team for winning top honors.

On March 10, the lodge held their annual bowling tournament at Western Lanes in Wetaskiwin. Winning team consisted of Sherry Edin, Linda Van Immerzeel, Tily Sjoberg, Denis Brown, John Remin and Bill Hill.

Ladies' High Triple winner was Ivy Kassa. Men's High Triple winner was Henry Sjogren.

Following the bowling, a brief social and lunch was held.

The next regular meeting will be held April 6 at Lone Ridge Hall.

SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!

By Betty Pearson

This winter has been one of the wildest

That I can recall, it gives no man a rest.

Even the doctors must be getting awfully tired

When they suggest, the men should be retired

From all this shovelling or their hearts will give out.

Isn't that a good one? Women should all shout

With glee, for finally they are man's equal.

But of course, this is only an emergency squall;

The snow still seems to be coming down.

If it thaws real fast this spring we'll all drown

So get your swimming suits out right and left,

That's if you have any "Energy" left,

For the big question of the day is Energy;

Even a depression is forecast again for this Century.

But come what may.

Just keep shovelling it away. □

An Invitation

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Boy Scout Jamboree

Scandinavian Airlines has been designated the official carrier for the next Boy Scouts World Jamboree to be held in Norway from July 29 to Aug. 7, 1975.

Hosted jointly by all of the Nordic countries—Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden—this worldwide assembly of scouting is being called Nordjamb-75.

It will actually be a twofold event—the camp session at Lake Mjoesa near Lillehammer, and hospitality being offered in Scout homes in the five countries immediately before or after the Jamboree proper.

Approximately 15,000 Scouts between the ages of 14 and 18 from around the world are expected to participate, with particularly large contingents from Canada and

1969 and June 1970 issues were devoted to culture and political science. Further issues will deal with journalistic, sociological, educational, economic and other themes. Each issue appears under a different editor, recruited from various universities in Canada.

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the United States.

Immediately following the Jamboree, the adult leadership of the Scouting movement will meet in the 25th World Scout Conference at the Institute of Technology in Copenhagen.

SAS, as the airline of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, will work closely with Nyman and Schultz/Nordisk Resebureau of Stockholm and with Bennett Travel in Norway and Denmark, Kaleva Travel in Finland and Urval Travel in Iceland to plan the travel of visiting contingents and individuals to and within the Nordic countries.

Individuals who will require hotel accommodation in the Lillehammer area in early August, 1975, are advised to make reservations as early as possible, due to the heavy Jamboree influx. □

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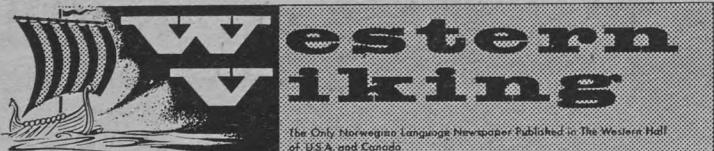
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News from the Danish Church

By Pastor Holger N. Madsen

Although the weather outside was everything but "Springy" the climate inside the Scandinavian Centre on March 15 was certainly warm and jubilant, when some 400 people sat down to the 12th Annual Spring Supper. We extend a hearty thanks to all who came, to all who prepared the food, to those who served, and also to the generous donors of the bingo prizes. All of you have helped Ansgar Lutheran in a material way, and now we would request that you give us the opportunity to reciprocate, and help you in a spiritual way. As our Lord so clearly stated it, "Man does not LIVE by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Therefore we invite you all to come and worship with us REGULARLY at Ansgar.

To all those people who had planned to be at the supper, but were unable to get out because of the snow we express our regrets. However, we do hope that you will plan to take in the Spring Bazaar on May 11 at the Eastwood Community Hall, 11803 - 86 St. Among other things, you may even win a Trip to Copenhagen, or \$500 in cash for one dollar. These tickets are now on sale and will be included in the April issue of the Ansgar Newsletter. If you don't get the Newsletter, but would like some tickets, you may phone Mrs. Jack Pedersen at 426-5479, and she will be happy to accomodate you.

ANSGAR TEEN CLUB

In the past month the Young People of Ansgar Lutheran have had three get-togethers with some 15-20 present each time. They have found it to be both interesting and exciting to get to know each other. And in the near future they hope to get involved in various discussions, and when the snows recede, outdoor activities of different kinds. Anyone who is a TEENAGER or over is invited to participate in the activities of the ANSGAR TEEN CLUB.

One exciting opportunity for those kids who will be 15 years old or older by July 15 is to attend the CANADA WIDE LUTHERAN YOUTH EVENT on the UBC campus in Vancouver July 16 to 19. At this Youth Event there will be about 1,000 young people from all the Canadian Lutheran Churches. It will be a time of sharing, and singing, of learning, and of bringing together Christian young people from one end of Canada to the other. The cost will be \$45 plus travel.

How will they travel to Vancouver??? There are a number of means open, but the one that sounds the most exciting is: If we were able to borrow or to rent—at a reasonable price—a minibus or something like that which could accomodate the 8 to 10 kids who we hope will be going from Ansgar, then we would throw in a couple of tents, and camp enroute. We know from experience that getting there and back can be half the fun. Therefore, if any of the readers of this article have a suitable vehicle that would be available to us at a reasonable consideration, we'd sure like to hear from you. And in the meantime, all parents of kids in this age bracket are encouraged to think seriously about giving your youngster this opportunity.

If interested Teens of Ansgar have not been contacted about activities and you would like to be included just call Joan Gormsen at 484-2712 and she will see that you're included. □

DANIA DOINGS



By Lili Nielsen

"BIKUBEN" will meet as usual on the third Monday in the month, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at 12424 - 141 Street, Edmonton.

DANIA'S SEVENTH and LAST WHISTDRIVE for this season will be held on April 9, in the Dania Room at the Scandinavian Centre.

Our Spring Banquet will be held on Sat., April 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre. This year we shall have Roast Beef and there will be served wine with the meal. Cost will be \$7.00 per person. Since there will be a limited amount of tickets available we urge everyone interested in attending to get their tickets early. Tickets are available from any of the Board members. □

Copenhagen's Cozy Cafes Captivate Tourists

Sampling Danish specialties in Copenhagen's many attractive restaurants has always been a treat for tourists, but in the past year it has become even more of a treat with the opening of some 200 small, cozy restaurants featuring typical Danish fare.

Popular with the Danes because of their good food and reasonable prices, these small cafes are flourishing in all areas of town. A number are located on or near Copenhagen's charming pedestrian streets reserved for strollers and shoppers.

On a walking tour of the narrow, winding Stroget—the collective name for a row of five pedestrian streets connecting the city's two main squares—a "cafe break" at lunch or supper hour is a delightful experience.



STROLL, SHOP, EAT, ENJOY—Many streets in Copenhagen are reserved for pedestrians only, offering the pleasures of unhurried window shopping, dining in cozy cafes, and just plain enjoying life while getting to know Denmark. Stroget (above)

The menus in these new, cozy cafes are limited but hearty, and each offers its own distinctive specialty. The Hof Cafeen at Store Kongensgade 25, near Copenhagen's King's Square, for example, is housed in the old court pharmacy and features beef hash (biksemad) with beer and aquavit for a reasonable \$7.00 for two. Another, Schønnemann Cafe on the Koebmagergade pedestrian street, serves two or three open Danish sandwiches with beer and aquavit for \$8 for two.

The menu at the century-old Tivoli Hallen near City Hall Square always lists old-fashioned dried cod (Klipfisk), while one of the newly opened cafes, Boef & Ost, set in an attractively appointed historic old cellar, specializes in steak and cheese, as its name suggests.

Although Danish dishes may appear unpronounceable, tourists find them delectable and return to sample more. The Danes go out of their way to help tourists learn more about their country, and, as one Copenhagen restaurant proprietor said "Dine where the Danes do and you'll love Denmark"—a Scandinavian twist on the old saying that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Having a meal in a small,



Never a dull moment in Copenhagen! Here is a sidewalk cafe at City Hall Square (Raadhuspadsen).

cozy cafe abroad is more than just getting something to eat. It is an opportunity to absorb the local atmosphere and culture. Visitors often learn a lot about a country by trying its restaurants. One thing is essential, however: You must show courage! Don't insist on hamburger and ice cream.

Try the local specialties, even if they sound surprising or mysterious to you. It's a good way to make your own world bigger, your horizon wider, your taste more tolerant—in other words it may turn you into a true citizen of the world.

Returning home with delicious culinary discoveries (and you definitely will after visiting a country like Denmark, which exports delicacies to the whole world)—you may find your friends referring to you as an international culinary authority! □

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NEWS FROM FINLAND

By Airi Langeste

By Anne Sahuri

Your regular reporter, Elmer Kankkunen, had to leave just prior to the news being written—we all join for wishes of speedy recovery for the father of Mr. Kankkunen in Thunder Bay, Ont., where Mr. Kankkunen left to visit his ailing father.

The March 9th "Laskiais" dance held lots of fun for everyone. During the evening, Michael Tekoniemi was presented with the Finnish Society Bursary by President Heikki Sario. Both the music and food were very good.

The annual Finnish Society fishing derby will be held on April 7 at Lac St. Anne (West Cove) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participation fee is still \$1.00 which John Sahuri, Matti Moisio, Markku Erkaara or Heikki Sario will be collecting, so please get in touch with one of them.

The general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held on April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Heikki Sario, 142, 8745 - 165 St.

Heavy snowfall in Finland this winter caused unusual problems for both train crews and herds of moose. At Keuru on Feb. 18 a train crashed into an unusually large herd of moose, which was on the plowed up railroad track rather than wade in the deep snow, while looking for food.

Six of them were killed instantly, some of the injured fled into the woods where hunters followed their tracks and shot them so that none of the injured were left to suffer. During other winters the moose have been satisfied to only cross the tracks, but this winter's heavy snowfall seems to have been too much for

All members are urged to attend.

The annual Vappu dance will be held on May 4 at the Scandinavian Centre, Viking Room starting at 8 p.m. The tickets are only \$4.00 each including midnight luncheon. Good orchestra will be playing.

The sewing circle will be held on Apr. 25 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hiakarainen at 12017 - 37 St., Edmonton.

the large animals.

Miss Johanna Raunio from Inkeroinen became this year's "Miss Finland" at Hamenlinna's Aulanko on Feb. 13.

She was born in Forssa and is 19 years old. At the time of the happy event she was still a student, studying at Turku to become a teacher in the Swedish language, unless the excitement of becoming a public figure will change her mind.

At the Oulu University in Finland it is no longer necessary to be a High School graduate before being admitted to continue studies there. It has been decided that if the students have the necessary basic knowledge of the subject in question, they will be admitted.

Prices are going up in Finland, too, by leaps and bounds. Finland is sixth in order in the world price hike study, according to OECD.

Only in Greece, Iceland, Portugal, Turkey and Japan was the price hike higher than in Finland. The price hike in Finland in 1973 was 15.5% higher than the previous year.

Here are a few examples from other countries: Norway 7.6, Sweden 7.5, Denmark 12.6, U.S.A. 8.8 and England 10.9 percent.

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FINANCE

Giant Dollar Credits

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The first agreement was with the Bank of America and Morgan Guaranty Trust setting up a US \$100 million stand-by credit to be drawn upon, if ever needed, for strengthening the foreign exchange reserves of the Bank of Finland. A similar deal was then worked out with a consortium headed by First Boston (Europe) Ltd. In force for ten years, the credit facility agreed on may also be used when ever needed, up to a sum of US \$200 million. In addition, the Parliamentary Bank Supervisors have given the green light for negotiating a further US \$100 million stand-by credit from abroad.

"In making these stand-by credit agreements, the Bank of Finland has endeavored," it explains in its Monthly Bulletin, "to make Finland's external liquidity position secure and to strengthen the country's standing in international credit markets. The recent decline in the foreign exchange reserves has been largely caused by the rather insignificant inflow of foreign capital during the current year.

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The major cause for this has been the unstable situation prevailing in international money and foreign exchange markets."

"Let's hope we won't need these credits," commented Dr. Mauno Koivisto, Governor of the Bank of Finland. The present situation does not make drawing out any of the money necessary as yet.

ROOTS

By Alice Briley

If I were wise
As a winter tree,
I would never doubt
That spring would be.
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LEIF EIRIKSSON CLUB

By Björgvin Sigurdson

Missed last month's issue of the *Scandinavian Centre News*—this seems to have become a habit of mine. Missing the last issue was a pity, for, as thinking back, quite a lot newsworthy happened.

Yours truly had himself to Winnipeg as the club delegate to the Icelandic National League's annual meeting, which took place Jan. 25 and 26. The weather was cold, but the greetings received and the friendship of the people I met were more than warm enough to make up for it.

The opening session, after the registration of the delegates, was a welcoming address from the president, **Skuli Johannson**; then followed discussion, resulting from the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, reviewing the activities of the organization for the past year.

At the afternoon session, Dr. **Paul H. T. Thorlakson** spoke about the Canada Iceland Foundation and the Centenaries Celebration Committee, also projects to be considered during the decade 1970-1980. Some of these projects have already been completed, some have been started and others under consideration. (See *Logberg-Heimskringla*, Jan. 17/74 issue). Dr. Thorlakson started the meeting by suggesting that the next annual meeting be held in June in Calgary. I thought the suggestion excellent, but little enthusiasm was noticeable from some at the meeting, as summer meetings had been tried before, but not successfully, also

it would mean changing the League's by-laws. However, I hope the Doctor's suggestion will be consummated, and promised the meeting that anyone attending would not suffer too much from boredom.

The evening session, entertainment, was a play put on by the younger generation of Icelanders, entitled "A Bit of Luck", a translation from the Icelandic play "Happid". The players performed well to the enjoyment of all. This was followed by the awarding of scholarships to worthy students of Icelandic lineage.

The second day of the meeting dealt with the financial report, discussion of the charter flight to Iceland. Air Canada, after signing a contract at certain prices, increased the fare by \$35.00 per person. It was either accept this increase, or no charter flight.

The last item of the meeting was the election of officers, who will be the same as last year.

The convention ended with a banquet at the Fort Garry Hotel, the guest speaker was **Haraldur Kröyer**, the Icelandic Ambassador to Canada and the United States, who, with his wife, were guests at the convention. The convention closed with the naming of new honorary and life members to the league.

On Feb. 16 and 17, Calgary Ethnic Arts had an Exhibition at the Jubilee Auditorium. Over thirty Ethnic groups took part in

the exhibition, our group included. Our table commanded a good position. The exhibits were tastefully displayed. The flag of Iceland was displayed along with the National League Banner above the display table. The exhibits consisted of three paintings by **Nina Smith**, and a replica of **Arni Sigurdson's** painting of the Icelanders landing at Willow Point on Lake Winnipeg on Oct. 21, 1874. These were displayed in a gallery reserved for paintings and pictures. The remainder of the exhibits were mostly handicrafts such as sweaters, mittens, cushions, runners, table cloths, wall hangings and shawls, etc., all from Iceland wool, a display of Icelandic dolls (in national costume), wood carvings and lava ceramics. The display drew more than its share of attention. Viewers seemed very interested in the woolen display, asking whether sheep, wool, and even horses could be shipped to Canada. We have also had enquiries from arts clubs as to where and how to get material and information on the method of producing the finished goods. A government-employed photographer took pictures of the various displays along with a lady in national costume. **Karin MacDonald** was at our table in Icelandic national dress. Many thanks to **Lucille Lane** and her committee in organizing the display, to the many people who lent items to the exhibit.

Despite the lack of response to the request for volunteers to help look after the display, the interest that the public showed in the exhibit must be most gratifying.

We are happy to report that **Mrs. Helen M. Lloyd**, **Mrs. Jensina**

New Colorful Book on Reykjavik

"REYKJAVIK—A Panorama in Four Seasons" is a new title in the **ICELAND REVIEW BOOKS** series, just published in Iceland. Introduced by one of the country's most famous playwrights, **Jakull Jakobsson**, it is mainly—as indicated by the title—a pictorial portrait of the capital city and its surroundings with all the changes and different looks of the city and its people in the four seasons of the year.

The photos are in colour, all by **Gunnar Hannesson**, well-known to *Iceland Review* readers. The book is tastefully designed and of high printing standards, 96 pages with 86 photos from the most complete selection of photos from Reykjavik ever possessed by one photographer.

Previously published in the series are: "ICELAND—The Unspoiled Land" and "VOLCANO—Ordeal by Fire in Iceland's Westmann Islands"

The new Reykjavik book is—as well as the previous titles—available directly from the publishers at \$9.95 (post free): **Iceland Review, 1974** .
Reykjavik, Iceland. □

Letting well enough alone is all right if you have good men looking after your interests.

To benefit from reading, we must ponder what we read.

Einarson and **Mrs. Larus Thorarinson** are all home from the hospital, and that **Doreen Wyers** is coming along nicely recuperating at home. □

Individual's Rights Protection Act

The new **Individual's Rights Protection Act** came into force on January 1, 1973.

It prohibits discrimination in public accommodation and services, in tenancy, in employment, in employment applications and advertisements and in signs and notices, on the grounds of race, religious beliefs, colour, sex, marital status, age, ancestry, or place of origin.

This Act is designed to protect the equal rights and inherent dignity of ALL Albertans. While personal prejudice cannot be legislated out of existence—individual Albertans can do a great deal to promote the tolerance and understanding of others.

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Scandinavian Energy Shortages End

SWEDEN ENDS GAS RATIONING
Sweden's energy commission decided at the end of January to lift the 20-day-old rationing of gasoline, originally planned to last until Feb. 28, and try to hold down consumption by increasing prices, but rationing of heating oil will remain in effect.

New price levels effective Jan. 30 will increase the cost of gasoline to between \$1.02 and \$1.03 a gallon and the price of heating oil to 44 cents a gallon.

SHORTAGES END
On announcement by Danish authorities that Denmark's ban on Sunday driving has been lifted means the end of any energy shortages which might affect the traveler in Scandinavia.

The Scandinavian National Tourist Offices report that Sweden discontinued its gasoline rationing at the end of January and Norway abandoned contingent plans. Finland has imposed no restrictions.

Denmark this week lifted all restrictions or rationing of fuel for private or rented automobiles, and has restored heating supplies for private buildings to virtual normal.

Heating and lighting in hotels and other public places, and fuel for public transportation and sightseeing services in Scandinavia had not been affected.

The only apparent vestiges of the energy crunch are speed limits to conserve fuel and reduced levels of lighting for streets and shop windows. The latter are expected to be eased soon.

THE ENERGY CRISIS IN NORWAY
Norwegian Prime Minister Trygve Bratteli told the nation that his government regards it as a primary task to master the consequences of the energy crisis. Mr. Bratteli thought that Norway

could come through the crisis without too great difficulties. Norway must be prepared to employ the measures required to safeguard jobs and the most important activities of the community, he said. The Prime Minister also revealed that the government has resolved to create a provisional Oil Directorate under the Ministry of Commerce to allocate the reduced supplies of oil.

MEASURES
The aim of regulatory measures now in force is to reduce consumption of oil by 20 to 25%. Supplies of heating fuel is being cut down by 25% compared to last year's consumption during the period October-April. However, hospitals, nursing homes and similar institutions will have their supplies reduced by only 10%. The oil companies are required to give the authorities the information necessary to ensure enforcement of the rules.

Rationing of gasoline for motor vehicles was introduced on Jan. 25. For private cars the quota was set at 21 gallons for the first six weeks of rationing. Provisional measures have included prohibition of private driving during the weekends from Saturday afternoon to early Monday morning. Automobile and motorcycle races are banned.

No direct rationing of oil to industry is contemplated. Industrial oil supplies are cut by 10%, but the reduction will be compensated by increased use of hydroelectric energy. Available information indicates that Norway has oil reserves for 45 days of normal consumption.

SHIPPING
Norwegian shipping is being hit by the shortage of oil, because ships without bunkering contracts

are having difficulties in obtaining fuel. According to the Norwegian Association of Shipowners, Norwegian ships are paying three times as much for fuel today as at the beginning of 1973.

The Norwegian Minister of Commerce, Jens Evensen, visited Washington, D.C., before Christmas for talks with the Secretary of Commerce, Frederick Dent, and the federal energy chief, William E. Simon, on the bunkering situation. Mr. Evensen emphasized that an agreement concerning the supply of bunkering oil to international shipping must be concluded speedily and effectively.

Mr. Evensen has also discussed the bunkering question and the energy crisis in general with his colleagues in the governments of the other Nordic countries. Direct purchase of oil by the governments has been considered.

The Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) has asked for assistance by the governments of the Scandinavian countries to solve the fuel supply problems it is facing on international routes.

ELECTRICITY
The availability of hydroelectric power will help Norway through the energy crisis. According to the Director-General of the Norwegian Hydroelectric Board, Vidkun Hveding, the supply situation at present is very good. The Board has informed the Ministry of Industry that it should be able to supply an extra 1 billion kWh of electricity for domestic heating this winter and also 800 to 900 million kWh to the pulp and paper industry.

NORWAY'S OWN OIL
The Foreign Minister, Knut Frydenlund, has said that the exploitation of oil resources on the Continental Shelf in the North Sea would have consequences for Norwegian foreign policy. As an oil producer and exporter, Norway's interests may coincide with those of other oil producing nations, according to Mr. Frydenlund. As part of the industrialized world, Norway would also be interested in the industrialized countries obtaining stable access to oil. This would require cooperation between the producing and the consuming countries. An important task for Norwegian foreign policy would be to contribute to such cooperation, Mr. Frydenlund stated.

According to the Oslo newspaper, Arbeiderbladet (Labor), the rise in oil prices could increase Norway's earnings from the North Sea oil fivefold. The paper said: Norway will in all probability demand a steep increase in the price of oil from the Ekofisk field. Negotiations on prices between Norwegian authorities and the Phillips group, operators of Ekofisk, are to begin in February.

SAS ONE YEAR FUEL CONSERVATION PROGRAM PRODUCED TWO MILLION GALS. SAVINGS

A one year program to conserve fuel by Scandinavian Airlines has produced a savings of two million gallons, the company announced recently.

The fuel savings program was introduced in the Fall of 1972. It called for slightly reduced speeds in the company's 67 jetliner fleet. SAS serves 97 cities in 51 countries throughout the world, and consumes 265 million gallons of jet fuel annually.

The slight decrease in speed saved was 1 1/2% in fuel consumption on each flight. SAS flight captains made individual efforts which contributed even more to the



Kitchen Corner

Try these tea time loaves. They are good for putting in lunches, also.

BANANA NUT LOAF

- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon soda
- 1 cup mashed, ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup broken walnuts

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add eggs and beat well. Sift together dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture alternately with bananas, beating well after each addition. Stir in nuts. Pour into well-greased loaf pan. Bake at 350° about 1 hour or until done.

CHERRY ALL-BRAN BREAD

- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/2 cup soft brown sugar
- 2/3 cup diced, drained maraschino cherries
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 4 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg (beaten)
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons melted butter
- 1 cup all-bran

Spread 1 tablespoon melted butter in the bottom of a greased 9" x 6 1/2" loaf pan. Sprinkle evenly with the brown sugar and half the cherries and nuts. Sift the dry ingredients into a mixing bowl and make a well in the centre. Mix together egg, milk and melted butter. Stir into the dry mixture. Add all-bran and remaining cherries and nuts. Spread batter in pan and bake at 350° for 50 to 60 minutes, or until centre is baked. Loosen sides and turn upside down as soon as baked.

PINEAPPLE NUT BREAD

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup raisins

fuel conservation program.

The passenger inconvenience was negligible as the average increase in the 7 1/2-hour flight between New York and Copenhagen was less than six minutes. There was less than a minute's flying time added to the short or medium range routes linking major Scandinavian cities as well as some other routes to Southern Europe.

The savings achieved were equal to the amount of fuel consumed by 4,000 passenger cars in annual average use.

A Boeing 747-B normally consumes about 32,000 gallons of fuel on a flight between Copenhagen and New York. A DC-8 will burn off some 22,000 gallons on a 12-hour Trans-Siberian flight to Tokyo. A DC-9 will use about 2,700 gallons on a 2 1/2-hour flight to Rome.

Scandinavian Airlines recognized the world fuel crisis over a year ago and was one of the first airlines in the world to introduce such a fuel conservation program.

An additional pleasant bonus to the SAS program was a cash savings of more than \$238,000. □

- 1/2 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons melted shortening
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, not drained
- 1 teaspoon soda

Sift flour and baking powder into a bowl. Add raisins and nuts. Combine egg, vanilla and shortening; add to mixture. Dissolve soda in pineapple and add. Stir just until blended. Pour into a greased loaf pan and bake at 350° for 1 hour or until done. Cool on rack.

SCANDINAVIAN RECIPE

ICELANDIC DELIGHT

- By Freda Smith
- 1/2 cup butter
 - 1 cup icing sugar
 - 1 cup whipping cream
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 1/2 lb. vanilla ice cream wafers
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 2 tbsp. icing sugar
 - 1 can crushed pineapple, well drained (20 oz.)

Roll the wafers and pat half of crumbs into 7" x 11" x 1 1/2" pan. Cream butter and 1 cup of icing sugar. Add the eggs and beat until creamy. Spread this mixture on top of the crumbs in pan. Whip cream and add sugar and vanilla, then all the pineapple and blend well. Spread this over the egg mixture. Sprinkle remaining wafer crumbs on top. Make this up several hours or a day before you need it and refrigerate. Cut into squares and serve.

HINTS

To help prevent the top of a loaf cake from cracking—invert another loaf pan over the top for the first 20 minutes of baking. Bake at 25° less if a glass baking dish is used.

When cleaning frying pans (other than teflon type) do not use water but pour a tablespoon of cooking oil in pan, heat slightly, add salt to bottom of pan and clean vigorously with paper toweling. If pan has a sticky, rough coating of food, scrape with metal spatula first.

When baking bread or cakes, spray pans with Pam to prevent sticking. Also prevents sticking of other foods when cooking. Pam is a cooking oil in a spray bomb container. Very effective.

When cooking side bacon, place the strips on a broiler pan and bake in oven at 450° for approximately 10 or 15 minutes depending on thickness. It cooks beautifully and gets rid of excess fat.

If you want to have your vegetables taste more like themselves cook them in a double boiler (with holes in the top part). They are obtainable at most kitchenware departments. To insure more flavour, sprinkle with monosodium glutamate (MSG)—trade name, Accent. The flavour of all foods are enhanced with this salt. □

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Vikings I Wish I Had Known

From Travel In Scandinavia 1964
By Betty Pehrson

The other day I saw a Swedish Indian—blond hair, blue eyes, feathered headdress—carrying a quiver of homemade arrows in a tin gingersnap box. He was about six years old and crept away to his backyard tepee as I approached. Well, so what, you say? All kids go through the Indian phase! In America of course they do. I myself charged imaginary Custers in my youth. What struck me so funny was the fact that in this little Swedish town of Fagersta where we live, I have encountered numerous "Indians", yet not one single Viking. Due to the influx of American TV westerns, I guess Erik the Red, Leif Eiriksson and all the blood curdling crew of Scandinavian "forefathers" have taken a back seat, that is, at least in the Swedish six year old's mind.

On the other hand, after doing some research into Nordic history, I have become very Viking-minded. I won't delve too much into historical facts here—I leave that to the many competent historians who are still trying to assemble all the bits and pieces which frequently come to light through new excavations. I simply want to point out a few of the many wonderful characters that I can't help wishing I had known. Believe me, the sagas are full of people who are described with the fantastic vividness which can only exist in true folklore. Herewith follows a sample of my "Rogue's Gallery of Vikings".

Let us begin with **Harald Haarfager** (Beautiful hair) who, without doubt, was one of the founding fathers of the Beatnik movement, at least from all outward appearances, that is! However, his reason for going about unshaven and with trailing hair was not due to a desire to rebel against the time in which he lived. His gesture was of a much more noble sort. It seems he fell in love with a woman who craved status. Silver trinkets and necklaces of gold were not enough. Instead she had decided to marry a man who would rule all Norway. At this request, **Harald** vowed that he would do this, and as long as his goal went unaccomplished, he would never shave or cut his hair. As history goes, he did accomplish this and won the hand of his fair but somewhat domineering fiancée. Now frankly, how many men do you run across these days who would do that much for a woman!

Another one of my favorites is a lass called **Freydis** who, among other things, managed to get to America long before **Christopher Columbus**. While I am not so sure I would like to have known her personally, it would have been interesting to have seen what she looked like from a distance of, say, at least one kilometre.

Freydis, who was the natural daughter of **Erik the Red**, grew up in Greenland after Christianity had been accepted there. However, **Freydis** had the fierce dark ideals of her pagan forefathers and combined with this the mind and strength of a man. Add to this the fact that she was considered unscrupulous even by her fellow citizens, and you get a woman who terrified everyone who knew her.

Freydis' last and most brutal achievement occurred on her second voyage to Vinland where she and her husband, **Thorvald**, entered into a partnership with two Norwegian brothers, **Helge** and

Finnbog1. The purpose of the voyage was to secure timber from Vinland and on returning to Greenland it would be sold, and the profits divided. **Freydis** herself drove the bargain with no thought whatsoever of keeping it, and when all the wood was cut and the two ships loaded, she had the two Norwegians and their company of thirty men massacred so that she could have all the profits. Further, there were five women who had accompanied the Norwegians and these she murdered with her own hands.

In spite of her ghastly deeds, **Freydis** did have a soul, and on the long journey back to Greenland she realized that, instead of carrying on her father **Erik's** name to further glory, she had degraded it. The knowledge of this plus the deaths of thirty-two men and five women on her conscience finally drives **Freydis** insane and, looking back on history, one almost feels that this is a just ending for her.

When describing the mentality of the Vikings, my husband always tells one story in particular, quoting **Trevelyan**, **Linklater** or one of his numerous history books about **Harald Hvidtand** (white tooth) and his brother who sailed up the Thames sometime during the 9th century to London. The city was too well defended to be attacked, but on the other hand the reputation of the small flock of Norsemen was such that the burghers did not feel like an open encounter and gladly stayed behind their walls and towers. After a few weeks during which most valuable trade was lost, the good Londoners decided to buy off their unwelcome visitors. A parley was arranged, and after long and laborious talks a ransom was decided upon. The money was paid, and to their great relief the burghers saw **Harald** and his men break camp, when a messenger brought a new request. The Vikings had heard much of the power of the new God of the English and wanted to be blessed to insure success in their future endeavors. The good bishop of London, a pious and ambitious man, joyously accepted the change of heart of the heathens and immediately set out with his flock of priests, deacons and choirboys. He was received with great enthusiasm. The kneeling Norsemen were all blessed and **Harald** and his brother were even anointed with holy water. When it was all over, **Harald** rose, thanked the bishop profusely, stepped back, drew his sword and cut off the head of the surprised prelate, declaring that now when they had received the blessing they had no further use of his services! Here, further comment is impossible!

Even though most of the Viking era is covered with a lot of seemingly unnecessary bloodshed, there are times when one admires their direct approach to things. One outstanding example is when **Olav Trygvasson** wished to convert all of Iceland to Christianity. He sent several emissaries who failed on their mission, but two named **Hjalte** and **Gissur the White** were finally successful, though I'm inclined to feel that they had a bit of luck in the matter in the form of a wise lawman named **Thorgeir Gode**. After they had boldly pronounced that Christianity must become law in all of Iceland a volcano took this inopportune moment to erupt. With this frightening event the people were uncertain of the wrath which might fall upon them if they

chose to abandon their old gods, and they asked the advice of **Thorgeir**. **Thorgeir** went and layed down for the remainder of the day with a coat over his head and no one was allowed to disturb him. The next day he announced his decision—that Christianity must be accepted in order to preserve Iceland, and so it was. Would it not be a blessing if some of our present day problems, such as Sweden and the EEC question, the Berlin Wall and others, could be solved so swiftly and to the agreement of all.

These are just some of the many characters who can be found in the old sagas if one has the patience

Norwegian community in Alberta.

It was first given the Norwegian name "Bakken" (Hill), then "Oslo" before receiving the present name of Camrose.

Later they founded a colony at Crooked Lake from Valdres, Norway.

About 1908, Norwegians also settled on the Peace River and started homesteading at Grande Prairie. Four years later a group of pioneers, accompanied by Rev. H. N. Ronning traveled 300 miles north of Edson by covered wagon and founded a colony called Valhalla, named for the legendary paradise of the Vikings.

I've even heard that if you go

far enough back into the history of Scotland, "all Scotchmen are shipwrecked Norwegian Vikings".

The Norwegians of Canada take leading roles in the business, industry and the professions and you are seated among all the occupations of Canadians, and you have given us your worldwide sport of skiing.

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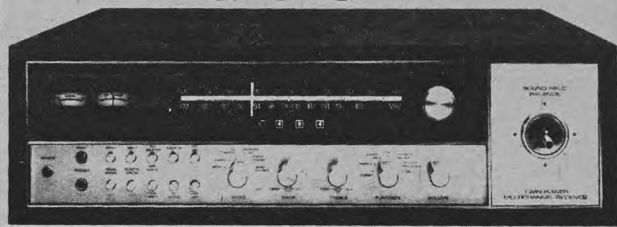
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to wade through the genealogy which chokes every page of them. Some names such as **Ingjald Illraade** (the Ill-advised), **Erik Blodøks** (Bloody Ax), and **Gette den Fredløse** (the Outlaw) do not even need much further description, but while one can be shocked and sometimes amused by Viking history, one must bear in mind that their actions were fitting to the time in which they lived. At best the Vikings were men with strong family ties who regarded honor as a necessary part of their lives. They went to the Thing and in their simple way made up laws which eventually held them together. At worst they were ruthless creatures who broke these laws and more often than not met their own just fate. In other words, within their milieu could be found all the character types which exist in ours today. The difference is that we live in a much more advanced state of civilization, or at least we think we do! □

By The Hon. Horst A. Schmid

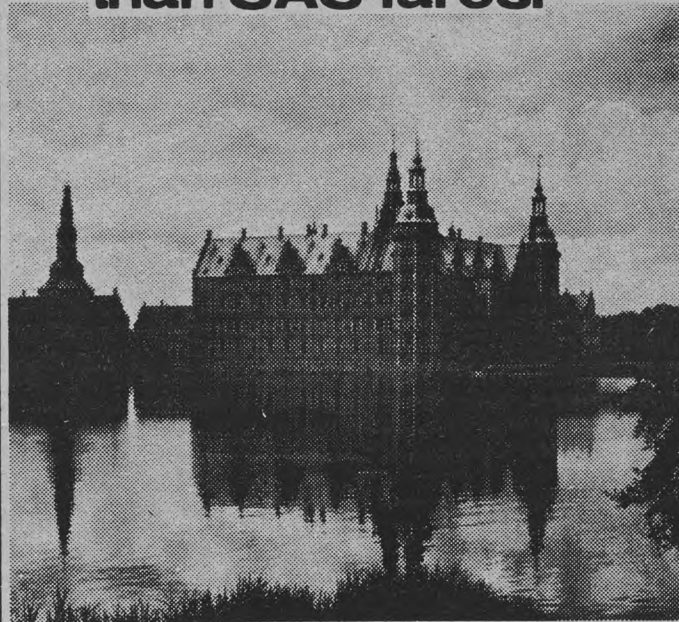
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Scandinavian History and Culture Probed The Shaping of the New Canada

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The most recent ambitious venture into the field of cultural interests has been the formation of the Canada-Iceland Foundation. This organization has had a modest but significant beginning. Eventually it could become a great rallying point for all those organizations and individuals who aim to foster an interest in the great cultural heritage which belongs to the people of Iceland and which will, for an unpredictable period, continue to make its contribution to Canadian life.

His Excellency, The Right Honourable Vincent Massey C.H., the first Canadian to represent the Queen of Canada as Governor General, and His Excellency, Asgeir Asgeirsson, President of Iceland, were the first Grand Patrons of the Canada-Iceland Foundation. In an address delivered at Gimli on May 21, 1955, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey encouraged and stressed many of the ideals subsequently embodied in the Charter Agreement of the Canada-Iceland Foundation. He in part said:

"Somehow, Gimli and this region catches my imagination. Here, some eighty years ago a small band of settlers arrived from Iceland. The story of their journey here and their early privations which included an epidemic of smallpox that killed over a third of the group, has all the drama and tragedy of those magnificent Icelandic Sagas of a thousand years ago. The ingenuity and resourcefulness of the first settlers in establishing themselves, starting farms, organizing the fishing industry on Lake Winnipeg shows the type of men and women they were.

"I was most impressed to learn of some of the things which were given priority in this new community. As this area was then in unorganized territory, a constitution to fill local needs was adopted which provided for the election, by almost universal suffrage of those over 18 years of age, of a reeve and councillors; for relief for the needy; arbitration of disputes with the right of appeal and the levying of taxes for local purposes. Schools were established and I understand that during the first winter three issues of a handwritten newspaper were circulated and shortly afterwards the first newspaper started.

"I am sure these are all things which you know but I refer to them because they show that the founders of this community had a love of law and order, a profound respect for democratic institutions and a realization of the importance of education.

"Since those early days, the number of Icelanders in Canada has greatly increased and you have won a reputation for industry and enterprise of which your forebears could be justly proud. I am sure they would also be proud to know that you have not forgotten the Icelandic National Anthem, which was sung so beautifully a few minutes ago.

"Since the turn of the century, groups from other lands have moved into this region and they too have made their contribution to the pattern of life in the area. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed watching the Ukrainian Folk Dancing, performed with such skill and grace.

Those of you, whatever your

racial origin, who have become Canadian citizens, must surely have been moved by the thought of assuming the privileges and responsibilities of being Canadians. On the other hand, I am sure that all thinking Canadians realize Canada's good fortune in having such people here to share in the bright future of this country. Canada owes a great debt to those early settlers who came to Canada. Their hard work, courage, ingenuity, combined with the faith, traditions and customs that they brought with them, have contributed tremendously to the development of the country and we continue to reap the benefit through their children who are filling posts of importance and exerting their influence, not only here but across Canada. Each newcomer brings new ideas, new skills and traditions which cannot help but enrich the lives of all of us.

"You in this region have become good Canadians in the fullest sense of the word. You have sent your sons to fight for Canada; you have entered into the enterprises and activities of this country. I sincerely hope that, although you have Canadian loyalties, you won't forget your origins and discard the traditions and culture of your ancestors. May the richness of your heritage continue to be a part of your lives and inspiration to us all."

The main objects of the Canada-Iceland Foundation as laid down in the Charter Agreement are:

1. To foster and strengthen the cultural bonds and mutual understanding between Canada and Iceland.
2. To promote an understanding and appreciation of the related Icelandic and Canadian heritage in the fields of representative government and the rule of law.
3. To encourage and give assistance to the establishment and maintenance of Icelandic as one of the subjects in post-graduate and honour courses in English.
4. To assist or give scholarships to students studying Icelandic at Canadian Universities.
5. To assist Canadians of Icelandic descent in the study and enjoyment of, and the production of, works in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.
6. To award scholarships to and otherwise assist students from Iceland to attend Canadian Universities, and students from Canada to attend the University of Iceland.
7. To encourage and give assistance to the translation of Icelandic literature into English and Canadian literature into Icelandic.
8. To encourage and give assistance to visits and performances and exhibitions and publications of Icelandic artists in Canada and Canadian artists in Iceland.
9. To assist in the collection and preservation of works of art, handicrafts, books, periodicals, manuscripts, and documents by or relating to the people of Iceland or people of Icelandic descent.

The Charter Agreement provides that the Foundation may assist associations, publishers, and other organizations whose aims and objects are similar to the objects of the Foundation.

An objective of the Canada-Iceland Foundation is to reach and help young people of Icelandic descent as well as others who

may be interested in Icelandic history, language and literature, increase their knowledge and develop their capabilities so that they will be better equipped to make their particular contribution to the development of Canada.

The Canada-Iceland Foundation with its advisory committee of prominent men in Iceland—the Island-Kanada Rad—is the most recent and, in my opinion, the most logical and effective instrument or organization for perpetuating and supporting in either or both languages our interest in the past, and for creating a continuous and effective bond with the old land.

In the years ahead, the Canada-Iceland Foundation should develop into a well-endowed organization able and ready for effective and constructive action. To date, only the idea and the form of the Canada-Iceland Foundation have been successfully launched. Only a few planks in the hull of this good, new "Viking Ship" have been assembled. Even so, the ship's compass has already been set. The flag has an old familiar design. A great deal of hard but pleasant work has yet to be done before our ship is made seaworthy. She must be capable of weathering the storms of protest and opposition, and the even more deadly calm of apathy and indifference. We must enlist many more sailors with spirit and vision to man her decks before we can hoist the sails. Gold and silver must be placed in her treasure chest to help defray the cost of travel and study for many young, promising students who will apply for passage. If everything goes well, she will be plying the inland waterways of this great continent and her young passengers will stop at many centres of learning. We shall also expect the members of her crew (the sponsors) and her young student passengers to make an occasional voyage of rediscovery across the North Atlantic to Iceland. Herein lies the challenge. The success of our new venture depends on the initiative, enterprise, sacrifice, and response of many individual citizens acting in unison and with a purpose. This important project, the building of our "Viking Ship of the Future"—"The Canada-Iceland Foundation"—depends on our ability, as a group, to grasp the opportunities that are now within our reach.

During the period that lies ahead, as in the past, it will be the desire of the people of Icelandic ancestry to make a creditable contribution to the cultural, scientific and material progress of Canada.

This, then, is but a small chapter of the interesting historical background of our present environment.

NEW HORIZONS

Now, ninety years after joining Confederation, Manitoba has been enlarged and transformed from a predominantly Scottish, French and Metis settlement of farmers and fur-traders to its present size and development. Winnipeg is now a most cosmopolitan city. Every European nationality and others are represented among its citizens. One has only to be present at the Musical Festival, held in Winnipeg every year, to attend performances of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra or the Royal Winnipeg Ballet or the Manitoba Theatre Centre to realize that, both on the stage and in the audience, the cultural life of

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This great diversity of national origins and cultural backgrounds will, in the long run, result in something new and distinctive. During the long process of development and integration difficulties and conflicting viewpoints may arise which call for tolerance, good-will and understanding based on a clearer knowledge of the background and aspirations of many different peoples.

No longer is this area isolated and inaccessible. Winnipeg is now within two hours distance, by jet propelled planes, from the city of Toronto and seven to nine hours from London, England. We can travel north by air or by rail* to Churchill on the Hudson's Bay. By automobile, we can travel on broad paved highways to any destination on the Atlantic or the Pacific coast. Radio and television have brought the news and the events behind the news into our living-rooms. The Queen of Canada and of the Commonwealth speaks to us from her fire-side in Buckingham Palace in London and in that very same instant we

* The C.N.R. completed its route to Churchill on the Hudson's Bay in 1929.

hear her voice in our homes.

Even though our constitutions of government and our courts of justice are traditionally British and our official languages are English and French, it is now obvious that the Canadian citizen of the future will reflect the cultural influences of many other lands.

From the isolated settlements of the pioneer days there has been a steady expansion and coalescence of these areas and a gradual integration of people of many origins, resulting in the emergence of a distinctive Canadian consciousness.

Canada ultimately, therefore, can be compared to a mighty river which has drawn its strength, its size and its importance from the confluence of many converging streams. The course that these separate national tributaries follow determines their influence and impact on the main stream of Canadian life. In the process of merging and gaining strength from many national sources, there is bound to be a change and a gradual but perceptible loss of original identity.

In the fullness of time there will evolve an indigenous culture based on the experiences, traditions, ideals, sacrifices and struggles of the Canadian people. This distinctive Canadian culture will continue to be enriched in having its roots deep in our collective and diverse heritage. □